

diem, the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed five dollars for every twenty-five miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, regardless of railways or other routes; and the Comptroller of the State shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

SEC. 2. The governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas, at the next general election, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amendment to Section 24, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas, relating to compensation of members of the legislature," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amendment to Section 24, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the legislature."

[NOTE.—The foregoing joint resolution passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 1; and passed the House with amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 89, nays 7; and being referred to a free conference committee, the report of said committee was adopted by a two-thirds vote in both houses, the vote being, in the Senate, yeas 24, nays 4, in the House, yeas 90, nays 16.]

[NOTE.—The foregoing joint resolution was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval, on Thursday, the twentieth day of May, A. D. 1897, but was not signed by him nor returned to the house in which it originated with his objections thereto within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.—J. W. MADDEN, Secretary of State.]

H. J. R. No. 34.] JOINT RESOLUTION.

To amend Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors, and their widows, and to grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

ARTICLE 3.

Section 51. The legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, associations or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the legislature may grant aid to indigent and dis-

abled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1st, 1880, and who are either over sixty years of age, or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never re-married, and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors anterior to March 1, 1866; provided, said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month; and provided, further, that no appropriation shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year. And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided, the grant to aid said home shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars for any one year; and no inmate of said home shall be entitled to any other aid from the State; and provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

SEC. 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November, 1898; when those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For the amendment to Section 51, of Article 3, of the State Constitution." Those opposing the amendment shall have written or printed upon their ballots, "Against the amendment to Section 51, of Article 3, of the State Constitution."

[NOTE.—The foregoing joint resolution passed the House by a two-thirds vote, yeas 96, nays 9; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 22, nays 6.]

[NOTE.—The foregoing joint resolution was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval, on Friday, the twenty-first day of May, A. D. 1897, but was not signed by him nor returned to the house in which it originated with his objections thereto within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.—J. W. MADDEN, Secretary of State.]